III.—A BILL FURTHER TO AMEND THE MADRAS ESTATES LAND ACT, 1908, FOR CERTAIN PURPOSES (BILL No. 12 OF 1931).

* The Hon. Sir MAHOMED USMAN :—" Mr. President, Sir, may I with your permission, move that item [a] No. I on the agenda be taken up for consideration after all the other items on the agenda are disposed of."

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" I second it, Sir."

The motion was agreed to.

IV.—DEMANDS FOR SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS FOR 1933-34.

GRANT I—LAND REVENUE—RESERVED.

* The Hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL :—" Mr. President, Sir, on the recommendation of His Excellency the Governor, I beg to move—

'*that Government be granted a further sum not exceeding Rs. 65,300 under Grant I—Land Revenue—Reserved.*'

" Sir, this sum is made up of two items, one relating to Survey and Settlement—Professional Survey parties—Pay of establishments and amounting to Rs. 17,400; and the other relating to Assignments and Compensations—Other charges and amounting to Rs. 47,900. The increase under the first head is due to revised estimates based upon the actual requirements. This increase is partly due to the fact that when the Board of Revenue submitted their original estimates, we made a reduction in the sum which was mentioned by the Board of Revenue on account of probable savings based on a comparison of actuals with estimates in previous years with reference to these savings and following the precedents of previous years, a lump sum reduction of Rs. 25,100 was made. In making this reduction, the fact that on the abolition of a large number of temporary posts as a result of the reduction in the number of Survey parties, most of the permanent men holding higher temporary posts would revert to their substantive appointments and would draw higher permanent pay than those who acted for them before, was taken into account. The Board of Revenue has explained that the establishment according to the number statement submitted with its original Budget estimates had been working throughout the year, and thus the probable saving anticipated by the Government had not actually accrued. The post of Sub-Assistant Director of Survey ordered to be abolished was retained during 1933-34 under orders passed in May 1933 for work in connexion with the survey of two blocks in the Cauvery-Mettur Project area in the Tanjore district. Another item of increase under this head is due to excess expenditure of Rs. 3,100 on account of boundary pillars and hired labour.

" The second item covers increase of Rs. 1,000 under malikhanas and Rs. 46,900 on account of other charges. The latter includes assignments to local bodies of fishery rents collected by the Revenue

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[a] Reconsideration of the Bill further to amend the Madras Estates Land Act, 1908, for certain purposes (Bill No. 12 of 1931).